

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.—A *Conversazione* was held on October 30, for members, at the house of the Misses Ridley. The Rev. J. R. Diggle, M.A., Chairman of the School Board for London, will address the Branch on November 19. We copy the following from the new syllabus of this Branch: it may be a useful hint to other Branches:—"As an aid to study, a Lending Library has been established for members of this Branch. Members possessing books on any subject connected with the work of the Union are requested to send a list of those they are willing to lend to the Hon. Librarian, Henry Perrin, Esq., 67, Broadhurst Gardens, who will make arrangements for their loan and return."

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—T. G. Rooper, Esq., H.M.I., will give an address to the Branch on November 9.

PRIZES.

Mrs. Duff, with kind apologies for quite unavoidable delay, awards her Prize of *One Guinea* to Mrs. Charles Honey's List of Books. This prize has called forth lists of great value, of which we hope to give our readers the benefit bit by bit. We should add that Mrs. Duff's award arrived only one day too late for publication.

Mr. Colin Somervell offers a Prize of *One Guinea* for "The best paper of suggestions for amusement for children of nursery ages on three wet afternoons.

1. Papers not to exceed two sides of quarto paper in MS.
2. Little or no help from elders in play or amusement.
3. *Of course* all nursery furniture is at children's disposal, but no costly toys.
4. Competition open to parents, uncles, and aunts."

We are anxious to publish the Prize Papers for this competition in our December number, as there *may* be three wet days during the Christmas holidays. Would competitors, to save time, kindly address their papers to Colin Somervell, Esq., Kendal, whom they should reach by November 15.

Another word about our Prizes. This is one of several kind letters which have reached us lately:—

"In this month's number of the *Parents' Review* two prizes are awarded. Is it too much to ask that we might have the benefit and share in the interest of seeing what they were gained for. I am sure many of the readers of the *P. R.* would be grateful to know of a good list of nursery dinners, and we should also welcome any new and pretty tune to an old nursery rhyme.—A. W."

[The tune is lovely and will go to many nursery rhymes. It is a Christmas plum for the December number. We will do our best to make place for Prize Competitions.—ED.]

THE PARENTS' REVIEW

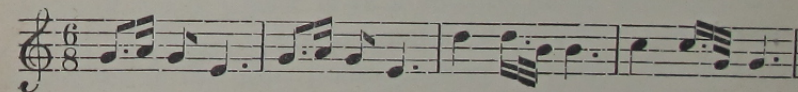
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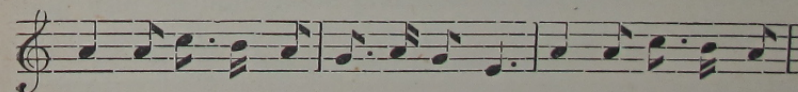
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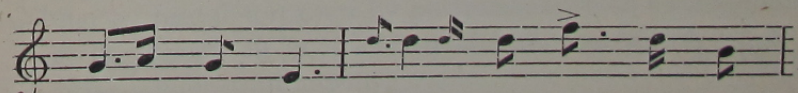
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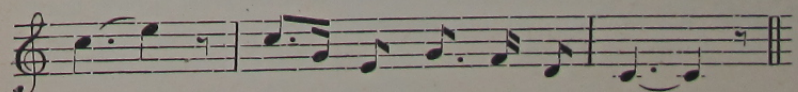
Still - y night, ho - ly night! All en - joy sleep's de - light,



Save the hap - py, thrice hal - low - ed pair. Love - ly Boy, with the



curl - y hair, Sleep in hea - ven - ly



rest, Sleep in hea - ven - ly rest.

Stilly night, holy night!
 Shepherds first felt delight.
 Hallelujah! the angels sing out;
 All the heavens for joy do shout:
 Jesus the Saviour is there!

Stilly night, holy night!
 Son of God, oh, delight!
 Love laughs victor in Thine eyes;
 We are saved, the whole world cries,
 Jesus, in birth of Thee!

THE IMPERATIVE DEMAND.

THE SERMONS OF EUGÈNE BERSIER.

III.

REGEM HABEMUS.

Having considered how our Lord Jesus Christ supports his claim to universal kingship in these four aspects—the manner in which he teaches the intellect, in which he judges the conscience, in which he claims to be the master of hearts, and in the exercise of the supernatural power which he claimed to possess—M. Bersier proceeds to consider how these pretensions have been supported by history:—

Is it not evident, he says, that, the more magnificent the dream, the more miserable must be the awakening?

Let us then interrogate history, and ask of it what testimony it has to render to the royalty of Jesus. We have seen that the claim of Jesus Christ is to a royalty, moral and religious. It would be absurd, then—is it not so?—to inquire if this royalty is exercised in the order political, or in the order purely intellectual, and to repeat the old sarcasms of the Romans upon a king who let himself be crucified, or the ancient pleasantries upon that religion of the ignorant which gathers its votaries amongst cobblers, fishers, and journeymen.

This royalty, being of the moral order, can exercise itself only as it respects human liberty. It will impose itself, then, neither by brutal force nor by phenomena which would produce upon the senses an irresistible and fatal impression, nor by a scientific demonstration which would strike only a small minority of minds, and would subjugate them by mathematical evidence which would have in it nothing of moral force. If the Church, forgetting this great principle, would fain realise this kingdom of Christ by the arm of the flesh, she would be doing despite to the expressed will of her Chief.